

ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY

Approved by the Board on 26 November 2009

Introduction

As a world leading cultural centre which provides diverse audiences with distinctive experiences that explore and shape the moving image in all its form ACMI recognises that our day to day operations both directly and indirectly impact the environment.

In recognising this impact our commitment is to reduce this impact through innovative management and by adopting best practice wherever possible.

We will work to integrate environmental considerations into our decisions and adopt practical greener alternatives throughout the organisation.

This commitment will be met by understanding the environmental aspects and impacts of our activities. Where appropriate we will change the way that we operate.

Scope

This Policy applies to the development and delivery of all our programs, projects and exhibitions, both within all our physical spaces and via outreach programs. It will apply to the environmental aspects of all ACMI activities.

Additionally it will include our work with key stakeholders, program partners, clients and suppliers. We will partner with them to reduce environmental impacts and achieve best practice. Leading by example we will engage and encourage a shared commitment to environmental management and sustainable business practices to collectively reduce green house gas emissions.

Policy

ACMI will:

- undertake a continual process of understanding the environmental aspects of the organisation (i.e. activities, products and services and how they interact with the environment.);
- ensure that the environmental aspects of the organisation are part of all business planning and decision-making processes;
- set an example of leadership in the field of environmental management and to contribute to the development of best practice in sustainable business practice within the Australian arts sector;
- minimise its impact on the environment, through efficient use of resources, and reduction in emissions and waste;
- promote environmentally responsible purchasing;
- prefer to do business with suppliers that share our commitment to the environment and that can measurably demonstrate the strength of their commitment;
- develop partnerships to contribute to the development of best practice in environmental management within the arts sector;

- meet and strive to exceed any relevant legislation and regulatory requirement;
- promote a culture of responsible environmental management amongst staff, volunteers, key stakeholders, program partners, clients and suppliers;
- set performance indicators that will enable clear measurement and monitoring to minimise significant environmental impacts;
- regularly report on environmental management and performance; and
- initially align to the major principles and objectives ISO 14000 series of international standards on environmental management. Going forward full accreditation will be assessed.

The implementation of this policy is reflected within the Environmental Management Systems

Implementation

This policy should be read in conjunction with the following related documents:

- o Environmental Management System;
- o Terms of Reference – Sustainability Steering Group; and
- o Terms of Reference – ACMI’s Green Team.

Each staff member is responsible for implementing the Environmental Policy in terms of their responsibilities and position at ACMI

Review Date

This policy is scheduled to be reviewed by December 2012, 3 years after approval date. The Sustainability Steering Group is responsible for facilitating this review. All enquiries and proposed changes to the policy should be directed to the Strategy and Operations Director